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10. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 7, wherein said acetoacetyl-CoA reductase comprises the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:9.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is 4-chloroacetoacetic acid ester.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is ethyl 4-chloroacetoacetate.

15-22 (Canceled)

23. (Previously Added) The method of claim 7, wherein said acetoacetyl-CoA reductase is derived from *Zoogloea ramigera*.

24-27 (Canceled)

--28. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein the reduction is carried out in the presence of glucose dehydrogenase.

29. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the reduction is carried out in the presence of glucose dehydrogenase.

30. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the reduction is carried out in the presence of glucose dehydrogenase.

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31. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the reduction is carried out in the presence of glucose dehydrogenase.

32. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the reduction is carried out in the presence of glucose dehydrogenase.

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33. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein the reduction is carried out in the presence of glucose dehydrogenase.

34. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the reduction is carried out in the presence of glucose dehydrogenase.

35. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is 4-chloroacetoacetic acid ester.

36. (New) The method of claim 8, wherein the 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is ethyl 4-chloroacetoacetate.

37. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is 4-chloroacetoacetic acid ester.

38. (New) The method of claim 9, wherein the 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is ethyl 4-chloroacetoacetate.

39. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is 4-chloroacetoacetic acid ester.

40. (New) The method of claim 10, wherein the 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is ethyl 4-chloroacetoacetate.

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41. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is 4-chloroacetoacetic acid ester.

42. (New) The method of claim 23, wherein the 4-haloacetoacetic acid ester is ethyl 4-chloroacetoacetate.--

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